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METHODS OF HANDLING EMERGENCY CATTLE PURCHASES INDepartment of Agriculture

RANGE AREAS AND ON LARGE RANCHES WHERE OWNERSHIP IS

Carry the Start and Continues

DESIGNATED BY BRANDS. (Use Optional).

- 1. That records of brands together with classification of cattle by ages on Form No. Cattle 3 (Appraisers Record) and on shipping and acceptance forms will be accepted as complete identifications of cattle purchased. Individual ear tagging under such conditions will not be required.
- 2. That local meetings of cattlemen in each shipping point area be held at which time the following procedure should be followed:
 - a. Explain the cattle purchase plan and the voucher-agreement in detial.
 - b. Obtain from producers approximate number of cattle each will offer to sell to the Government with classification by ages as specified in Table A of voucher-agreement.
 - c. Distribute official agreements (Form No. Cattle 2) to such producers.
 - d. Instruct producers to obtain signatures of lineholders on cattle offered for sale.
 - e. Instruct producers to fill in complete inventory of cattle on hand as of June 1, 1934, from each producer offering to sell.
 - f. Instruct producers to return documents to office of County Drought Relief Director.
- 3. Instruct B.A.I. inspectors to accompany producers to range or ranch to appraise, condemn and kill cattle already in too weakened condition to travel to loading point, provided producers demand such service.
- 4. Obtain from S.E.R.A. representative acting as agent for Federal Surplus Relief Corporation approximate number of carloads of cattle that can be accepted and shipped from each designated shipping point in the area each day until needs for relief are satisfied.
- 5. On basis of information obtained from F. S. R. C. notify producers having cattle in adjacent area to deliver cattle offered for sale to designated loading points and on specified dates for classification, appraisal, inspection acceptance and shipping. In all cases such orders for delivery should be allotted to producers in accordance with existing feed and water supplies and to some extent on the number of cattle offered for sale by individual producers.
- 6. Instruct appraisers (committeemen), B.A.I. inspectors, State Emergency

Relief Administration representatives (who will act as agent for F.S.R.C. in accepting cattle and billing them out) to be present at loading points on days designated for delivery of cattle.

- 7. Appraisers and B.A.I. inspectors at shipping point will classify, appraise and inspect cattle offered and record brands, ages by groups and other information required on Form No. Cattle 3, as cattle are brought in.
- 8. B.A.I. inspectors will accompany producers to range, ranch or points along the trail to appraise, condemn and kill animals unable to reach shipping point, if there are any such.
- 9. Representatives assigned to such duties will complete date required in appraisal form and agreement and have remaining signatures affixed.
- 10. Perform delivery and acceptance of cattle as between designated representatives of U.S. Department of Agriculture and agent of S.E.R.A.
- 11. Shipping order and livestock shipping contract to be executed by S.E.R.A. agent for F.S.R.C.
- 12. Deliver all documents involved to officer of County Director.
- 13. General instructions regarding cattle purchase procedure not modified by above remain in full effect and are to be followed as set forth.

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